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FINANCE AND FOREIGN TRADE SECTION

The Finance and Foreign Trade Section is charged with the primary responsibility for evaluation of intelligence information and the production of intelligence reports on foreign trade agreements, foreign trade and exchange, foreign balances and investments, balance of payments, currency, banking, national budgets and fiscal policy, each within the limits of the USSR, the eight countries designated as Eastern Europe: Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania, and the Free Territory of Trieste. It will determine the extent to which these economies are integrated through trade agreements, joint companies, and other similar measures. The Section has a secondary interest in the international economic relations of those countries whose economies are closely linked with those of the USSR, the eight countries designated as Eastern Europe and Trieste.

The Section formulates requirements for the collection of intelligence information from the IAC agencies and other government offices. This information is analyzed, evaluated, synthesized, interpreted and presented in reports for publication and distribution. These reports will include factors and measures relating to finance and foreign trade which affect the national economy, determine the basic economic potential for war, and indicate economic mobilization for war.

The Section to properly perform its functions and assume its obligations will:

1. Make recommendations regarding programming of production and requirements.
2. Assemble such basic economic data as will permit it to properly evaluate the importance and accuracy of current information.
3. Closely cooperate with the Industrial, Biographic and Graphic Register Units and the Library of the Office of Collection and Dissemination.
4. Represent the Division and/or Branch in conferences dealing with finance and foreign trade problems.
5. Maintain liaison with the appropriate sections of CIA and other government offices.
6. Establish an Ad Hoc Committee of representatives of the IAC agencies to study and report upon specified subjects.
7. Maintain liaison with such commercial and professional associations and educational institutions as may be of assistance.

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